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SUBJECT: NEW FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE: OLLI JOHANNES AUERO

1. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ANNOUNCED JULY 29 THE APPOINTMENT OF OLLI JOHANNES AUERO AS FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EFFECTIVE EARLY NOVEMBER.

2. AMBASSADOR AUERO, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, WILL BE RETURNING TO THE POST WHERE HE BEGAN HIS FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1953. BORN MAY 12, 1926 IN HELSINKI, AUERO GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI WITH MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1950. HE ENTERED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1951, AND AFTER HIS TOUR IN PRAGUE SERVED IN LONDON, THE HAGUE, AND ROME. HIS FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POST WAS LAGOS, FROM 1969 TO 1971, WITH SIDE-ACCREDITATION TO ABIDJAN, DAKAR, AND YAOUNDE. IN 1971 HE RETURNED TO HELSINKI AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN HE BECAME AMBASSADOR AT LARGE.

3. FLUENT IN ENGLISH, AUERO IS OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS. HE WAS EMBASSY'S MAIN CONTACT IN PROTOCOL DURING HIS TENURE THERE,

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FREQUENTLY GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE HELPFUL.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER DOLLY MARIKA LINDFORS,
WHO IS SOMEWHAT TALLER THAN HUSBAND AND SPEAKS
ENGLISH WELL. THE AUEROS HAVE A DAUGHTER HEIDI
MARINA, 17, AND TWO SONS, RISTO JOHANNES, 15, AND
KAI MARKUS, 12.
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